Loans Given To Women Groups In Bihar Under Sgsy

2899. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Districts in Bihar where loans were provided to the women groups under the Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana during the last three years indicating the quantum of loans extended and the number of women groups to whom loans were provided;

(b) the details of number of women groups which have repaid the loans;

(c) whether any problem is being faced in marketing the products manufactured by the women groups constituted under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the profits earned by the women groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The information with regard to number of women groups provided loans under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) was not monitored by the Ministry during the years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-2002. However, the information is being monitored from 2002-03 onwards. During last year upto February, 2003, 1588 women groups were assisted in 23 Districts for various economic activities and total credit disbursed to the women Swarozgaris was Rs. 1913.42 lakhs.

The number of women Swarozgaris assisted during the years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 and credit disbursed to them for economic activities is shown in the Statement given below.

Year	No. of Districts	No. of women Swarozgaris Assisted	Credit Disbursed (Rs. in Lacs)
1999-2000	55	35727	738.75
2000-2001	37	34726	906.37
2001-2002	37	33997	1214.12

(b) The information with regard to repayment of loans by women groups is not monitored separately by the Ministry. However, repayment of loans disbursed under SGSY in Bihar during 2001-2002 was 39.20%.

(c) and (d) There is no specific report from Government of Bihar regarding problems faced in marketing of products under SGSY.

(e) The information with regard to profits earned by women groups assisted under the Scheme is not monitored by the Ministry.

Foreign Assistance for Watershed Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2900. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received proposals from the Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking foreign assistance in respect of watershed Development Projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the present status of the aforesaid projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following three proposals seeking foreign assistance in respect of watershed development programme have been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;

1. Project Report for Dutch assisted Watershed Programme in five districts of the State viz. Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Khammam and Ranga Reddy.
2. Extension Proposal for Dutch assisted APWELL Project.
3. Project proposals for Technical Cooperation (TC) component of German assistance to watershed project.

The proposals were supported by the Ministry of Rural Development and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance for posing to the respective donor agencies. The DEA has forwarded the above proposals to the donor agencies for consideration.